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DATE: September 25, 1947

FROM : CA

SUBJECT: Activities of Anna Louise Strong

Reference: Nanking despatch 112, July 31, 1947 (893.00/7-3147) entitled, "Transmitting Copy of Despatch Entitled "Anna Louise Strong's Visit to Dairen."

The action copy of the reference despatch is transmitted herewith for the information of, and possible action by, the Passport Division. It will be noted therefrom that Miss Strong, who is believed to be traveling on a U.S. Passport, is reported to have traveled under Soviet auspices to Dairen and to have made, in that Soviet controlled city, a speech criticizing U.S. policy and denouncing U.S. high officialdom as composed of reactionaries.

In this connection it will be recalled that the Secretary of the Navy on August 2, 1946 informed the Department that while in Hawaii Miss Strong had got into contact with local Communist organizations and generally conducted herself in such a manner as to give rise to the suspicion that she was serving the Communist cause. (Reference Department's instruction to Nanking No. 30, August 29, 1946 file 811.91293/8-246).

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The Honorable

J. Leighton Stuart

American Ambassador

Nanking

Sir:

I have the honor to report on the two day visit of Anna Louise Strong, an American writer, to Dairen, and to make some comments thereon. She was en route from Shanghai to Vladivostok on the Soviet steamer "Ilyich" and spent several days in Dairen on the ship's regular stopover.

Prior to Anna Louise Strong's arrival, an announcement was made in local Soviet and Chinese movie theaters to the effect that a well known American authoress would visit Dairen and make a public appearance. On her arrival, an Intourist car and guide was placed at her disposal and she was afforded the comforts of the Yamato Hotel for the period of her stay. She was permitted to visit factories, schools, and traveled by car to Port Arthur, none of which, up to the present time, has been possible for members of the staff of this Consulate General.

Considerable publicity was given to her visit in the local press. A leading article in the Kwantung Jih Pao on July 23, 1947, entitled "Miss Strong, the Friend of the Chinese People", described an interview with her by a representative of the above mentioned paper. Her biography was given in detail, emphasizing her education and linguistic abilities. It was mentioned that she has written five books on the Soviet Union and three on China, and that she is now engaged in writing a fourth on China; that she has visited China five times; that she saw the great revolution between the Communists and the Kuomintang, and the murder of the revolutionaries which began in Shanghai. The article concluded by quoting Miss Strong as follows: "The people in the liberated areas of China can lead the people of Asia to establish an independent and democratic life".

On Sunday, July 20, Miss Strong spoke before a large meeting of government employees and teachers in the Dairen municipal building. She talked for about one and a half